

Annual Report 2024-2025



Illustration Nancy Roberge

Opening remarks

Twenty years have passed since the creation of the Comité d'action contre la traite humaine interne et internationale (CATHII) (Action Committee against Internal and International Human Trafficking), driven from the outset by women of deep conviction and commitment. From the outset and throughout its history, CATHII has been joined by invaluable partners. The CATHII is a strong tree, whose roots lie in its mission, its values, its achievements and the unwavering commitment of its members. Like the baobab, a symbol of unity and resilience, it federates and mobilizes in the fight against human exploitation, making justice and dignity the pillars of its action.

This year, as in previous years, CATHII has supported new initiatives, requiring perseverance, determination and dedication if they are to grow and bear fruit. We contributed to the creation of the Task Force for Worker Safety, aimed at protecting those who assist migrant workers who are victims of intimidation. At the Canadian Council for Refugees consultation, we moderated a caucus where stakeholders and groups denounced the obstacles imposed by organized crime.

Our work has continued through training courses on current issues, delving deeper into the definition of human trafficking based on the Palermo Protocol, in order to identify its evolutions and new challenges. Our empowerment research is taking shape, with results expected in autumn 2025, a project that is blossoming over time. We also set up a four-stage postcard campaign, aimed at proposing legislative changes that would make it easier for temporary migrant workers to change employers when they are abusive and do not respect Canadian standards.

Through our involvement with Talitha Kum, CATHII continues to forge links nationally and internationally. We brought together several partners to organize a multilingual webinar on the challenges facing Latin American migrant workers in Canada. In the run-up to the 2026 Soccer World Cup, we mobilized some twenty organizations to reflect on the risks of human exploitation and begin to identify courses of action. Through Talitha Kum, we have strengthened our collaboration with African countries and contributed to the development of a French-language training course, a discussion paper on systemic change, and collaboration on advocacy and awareness-raising on forced labor.

We're also proud of the projects that raise awareness and mobilize young adults. Project CATHII-Universities at the UN continues to grow after five years, and its impact is increasing on many future professionals in a wide variety of fields. For their part, Talitha Kum's Young Ambassadors of Canada are preparing an innovative campaign on the dangers of computer luring and the risks of sexual exploitation.

To celebrate our 20th anniversary, on February 8, 2025, we paid tribute to Saint Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of victims of human trafficking, with a celebration and the creation of eight songs, performed by a multi-generational choir. On April 20, 2025, we gathered to share bread and pay tribute to the women who marked the early history of CATHII. On April 24, 2025, we celebrated the organization's 20th anniversary with a festive event.

As we reach this symbolic milestone, we honor our past while affirming our commitment to the future. Like the baobab tree, we gather, mobilize and inspire. Our solid roots support us, and our extended branches lift us towards an ever more promising future. Thank you all for your unwavering commitment. Thank you to the past and present members of the Board of Directors, who have weathered the storms and nurtured the young shoots that will continue to carry our values forward. Together, we are making a real difference for the victims of human trafficking.

IsaBelle Couillard, President
Lise Gagnon, Vice-President
Francine Cabana, Treasurer
Nancy Roberge, Secretary
Michel Pilon, Councillor



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Introduction to CATHII's 20th anniversary face

Over the past twenty years, we have had the privilege of crossing paths with committed men and women, driven by a profound desire to support and defend the rights of victims and survivors of human trafficking. Despite efforts to raise awareness, this issue remains all too often misunderstood, requiring unfailing determination to inform, train and defend the rights of these forgotten people.

Through this report, you will discover some of these faces who, each in their own way, have shaped the history of CATHII from past to present. We could have presented dozens of others, but it's they who represent the soul and commitment of our organization today. Because together, we're taking up the fight, amplifying our voices and building a fairer future.

In May 2001, the religious congregations represented at the International Union of Superiors General decided to combat the widespread scourge of trafficking in women and children in their respective countries.



Céline Dubé, cnd

In Quebec, the Comité d'action contre la traite humaine interne et internationale (CATHII) was created. Lise Gagnon, SNJM, and Céline Dubé, CND, took the lead in building awareness sessions that were offered in different regions of Quebec and even in other Canadian provinces. First, a play entitled "Perdue dans le trafic" (Lost in Traffic) was commissioned from the Théâtre Parminou, to be presented from coast to coast, in French and English. At the same time, the action committee will organize a lobby of federal MPs. All with one goal in mind: to counter the trafficking of women in Canada.

My community's constant commitment to CATHII over the past 20 years has been, and still is, something important for us, both at the level of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary (SNJM) of Quebec and at the level of the entire Congregation.

Thanks to the decision of the whole congregation in 2004 to make the fight against human trafficking a collective stand, our commitment against human trafficking became, in our ACTS of the 2016 Chapter, a "common ministry" of the whole congregation. Members Claudette Bastien, Jacqueline Aubry and myself, the congregation's representatives on CATHII, have lent our support. In addition, for the past two years, the Quebec SNJM Justice Committee has engaged university student Sofia Elena Ranke-Farro as an SNJM Partner for Mission, offering her time to CATHII. SNJM's support, both in terms of personnel and funding, enables us to dream of continuing the fight against human trafficking.



Lise Gagnon, snjm

Vivid memories



Francine Cabana

The CATHII's work has been marked by a number of high points, but first and foremost I'd like to highlight the awareness-raising sessions for members, when the names of the victims were read out with great emotion. This enabled them to better understand the suffering of these missing persons.

Secondly, lobbying sessions where, with Jean Bellefeuille, we trained people to present the cause of human trafficking to political authorities. Concrete actions followed, which served the anti-trafficking cause well.

Thirdly, to attend with Louise Dionne, in Ottawa, an international meeting of police chiefs gathered to fight trafficking. For us, it was both impressive and instructive.



*Claudette Desmarais,
SSCCjm*

In the footsteps of our founder Amélie-Fristel, in response to the calls of Pope François and in fidelity to our charism, our congregation wishes to pursue its evangelical mission in partnership and co-responsibility.

Since we can no longer be as actively involved in our mission, given the advancing age of many of our members, we have decided to pay a few people to represent us on behalf of organizations with which we are partners.

To continue our commitment to CATHII, we approached Nancy Ro-berge. Her openness to spiritual values, her ability to listen, her creativity and her sensitivity to people contribute, on our behalf and with others, to the fight against human trafficking.

Launch of the *Intervenir face à la traite humaine* report

I well remember how proud I was at the launch of the report *Intervenir face à la traite humaine*: La concertation des services aux victimes au Canada in the fall of 2014. At the request of the CATHII, I had undertaken with my colleague Alexandra Ricard-Guay an exploration of the mobilization across Canada in favor of the rights of victims of trafficking and the provision of protective services.

This report was one of the first in Canada to document – from the voices of front-line workers – the successes and challenges in this field of intervention. On the day of the launch, we were thrilled to share the results with Quebec stakeholders from both community and public sectors, as well as other researchers and students.

Ultimately, the report contributed to the decision to create the Coalition québécoise contre la traite des personnes (CQCTP), especially the form of concertation and services to be encouraged in Quebec.



*Jill Hanley
McGill University*

The "University at the UN" project proposed by CATHII gave meaning to my university career. I really appreciated the diversity of the supports and tools offered to get us thinking about the subject (group discussions, speakers with varied profiles, podcasts, testimonials...). Secondly, our presence in New York at the CSW was an exceptional opportunity. It enabled us to put our learning into practice by connecting us to realities in the field.

But beyond the knowledge acquired during this stay, it was the encounters that left the greatest impression on me. I had the chance to talk to some very inspiring people, who motivated my desire to get involved. Following this experience, I decided to volunteer for an association that helps women in precarious situations. I also decided to do my final internship with an organization that fights to defend human rights.



Julie Granger

From the outset, CATHII has placed the care of trafficking victims at the heart of its priorities.



*Claudette Bastien,
snjm*

When the federal government announced its national action plan against human trafficking in June 2012, CATHII experienced great disillusionment. This project involved collaboration between various police and judicial entities, while civil society organizations were only called upon in an advisory role.

CATHII's concern stemmed from the fact that the plan did not indicate that the government wanted to act on the causes of human trafficking, such as poverty, racism and inequalities between women and men. The government seemed to overlook the fact that this fight is first and foremost a human rights issue.

When CATHII uses politics



Sylvie Gagné

In addition to passing on our signature campaigns to partner groups, I've had the opportunity to take CATHII's demands to our MPP on a number of occasions in recent years. As a representative of the Réseau des répondantes à la condition des femmes, I was accompanied by a member of the CATHII in Nicolet: Pierrette Leclerc, Sister of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin.

From the very first minutes, we always felt relaxed and ready to listen. The MP or his representative asked very good questions about trafficking in general, our vision of the subject and the various issues involved. Our answers (well-prepared content thanks to training, readings, information from media monitoring, etc.) showed a good knowledge of our advocacy.

A photo and a handshake at the end of our meeting testified to a positive reception of what we had to say, and a willingness to remain vigilant on the subject of human trafficking.

Activist for the rights of migrant workers

I often describe myself as an "11th-generation French immigrant". For over 40 years, I've been campaigning for the rights of workers, especially the most vulnerable. Trained in law, with studies in political science and community economic development, my involvement began in the student movement, then continued in the union and legal community, notably at the Fondation pour l'aide aux travailleurs accidentés (FATA) with Michel Chartrand.

In 2008, I got involved with temporary migrant workers. I founded RATTMAQ in 2016, which I ran until my retirement in May 2024. This network offers free support in law, immigration, health, education and francization.

Now retired, I continue my involvement on the boards of CATHII and DTMF, true to my humanist values of justice, inclusion and solidarity.



Michel Pilon

The 20 years of CATHII in 20 key moments

2003

First awareness
campaign

Along with several other organizations, religious communities share their expertise at the PARMINOU theater. The play PERDUES DANS LE TRAFIC is created and tours Quebec and Canada, with performances abroad.

2004

Founding
of CATHII

Eight religious communities, members of UNANIMA International, on the initiative of Céline Dubé and Lise Gagnon, found the Comité d'action contre la traite humaine interne et internationale (CATHII) with researchers and other civil society players. In 2008, CATHII obtains its letters patent.

2008

STOP THE
DEMAND
Campaign

In October, UNANIMA International launches its campaign to a hundred members of local communities (October 22). Since its foundation, CATHII has offered dozens of training days and held two study days (2006 and 2007).

2009

Our presence
at Talitha Kum

Our first representative on Talitha Kum, the newly founded international network of nuns against trafficking, is Nicole Rivard. In February 2023, IsaBelle Couillard, President of CATHII, is appointed North American representative on the Talitha Kum coordinating committee for a three-year term.

2010

CATHII Info

The first issue of CATHII info is published, and since then, more than sixty issues of this electronic newsletter have been published.

2012

Critique of the
national plan on
human
trafficking

In October 2012, CATHII holds a public conference presenting its critical analysis of the Canadian government's first national plan to combat human trafficking.

2013

Study Days:
Intervening in
the face of
trafficking

In April 2013, 150 people from the justice, community and social services sectors take part in two study days organized by CATHII. Experts from across Canada present their practices.

2013

Launch of the
Coalition
québécoise
contre la traite
des personnes

April: official launch of the Coalition québécoise contre la traite des personnes, the result of two years of meetings to set up this coalition. The CATHII will support the Coalition for several years. In 2021, the Coalition obtained its letters patent.

2014

Press
conference:
Quebec
must act!

Along with other organizations, at a press conference in December, CATHII denounces the absence of a Quebec action plan to counter exploitation in Quebec. In the summer of 2021, CATHII launches a campaign to ask the Quebec government for a provincial anti-trafficking plan. More than 1,000 signatures are sent in, and AQOCI includes the campaign in its 12 Days of Action Against Violence Against Women. Every year since, CATHII has relaunched the campaign in a variety of ways.

2015

Research:
Intervening in
the face of
human
trafficking

In January, at McGill University's School of Social Work, CATHII releases research on the coordination of victim services in Canada. A panel brings together various organizations to share the results of their own research. 2009 Être un homme, exercer son pouvoir, Discours et pratiques de proxénètes à Montréal is published by CATHII and conducted by Aurélie Lebrun, PhD.

2015

Ressources
to take action

In July, CATHII publishes a directory of resources to help victims of human trafficking in Quebec.

2015

Research on
forced labor

In August, CATHII publishes Jesse Beatson and Jill Hanley's review of labor exploitation and forced labor in Canada.

2016

Campaign
against
sexual
exploitation

Several organizations mobilize for the awareness campaign to counter sexual exploitation during the Formula 1 Grand Prix in Montreal. CATHII is a signatory to the press release.

In March 2018, CATHII submits a brief to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights consultation on human trafficking.

2018

Two major
pleas

The result of a two-year process, CATHII, in partnership with Franciscans International, makes a submission to Canada's Universal Periodic Review. Jill Hanley is CATHII's delegate in Geneva in April 2018.

In 2023, CATHII will send a submission for Canada's UPR and be cited in the document summarizing stakeholder contributions.

2019

Participation in
Talitha Kum's
first international
assembly

In September 2019, Talitha Kum holds its first general assembly in Rome and publishes its call to action. A CATHII member and the coordinator represent CATHII.

2021

CATHII Project
University at
the UN

From January to March 2021, a dozen university students participating in the zoom training at the CATHII Project - University at the UN and Commission on the Status of Women 2021. A special CATHII committee has been formed to implement this project.
In 2025, this project formed its 5th cohort.

2023

Meeting with
the Special
Rapporteur

On September 2, 2023 in Montreal, a number of organizations met with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, including CATHII, which had already informed several organizations of his visit in the spring. Survivors of the slave trade were given priority in the speeches made during the day.

2023

Participation in
the RATTMAQ
symposium

On December 17 and 18, 2023, two CATHII members and a Young Ambassador (JA) from Talitha Kum took part in the RATTMAQ symposium held in Montreal. The CATHII also participates regularly in the annual meetings of the Canadian Council for Refugees.

2024

Public
screening of
the film
Richelieu

In April, the Young Ambassadors, in collaboration with members of CATHII, organized a screening of the film Richelieu - which realistically exposes the daily challenges faced by migrant workers - followed by an exchange with the director, Pier-Philippe Chevigny, and the collection of signatures for a petition to abolish the closed work permit. Nearly forty people attended.

2024

Participation in
Talitha Kum's
second
international
assembly

In May 2024, three people, including a young representative of the Young Ambassadors, were delegated to the 2nd General Assembly held near Rome.

CATHII's 20th anniversary event



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Together with Lise Gagnon, SNJM, they brought their energy, expertise, and commitment to ensuring that students could discover the various aspects of human trafficking.

Work of the CATHII Board of Directors

The Board of Directors (BOD) held ten regular meetings during the year 2024-2025 to discuss the organization's day-to-day business. It was a busy year for Board members, who worked, among other things, to rejuvenate the organization's working policy; and to create new ones: the confidentiality and privacy policy (Bill 25 committee); an urgent action policy; and a communications policy. In May 2025, the Board also hired an Administration and Communications Officer and a Committee Development and Mobilization Coordinator. Both positions will be effective as of September 2, 2025.



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Annual General Meeting and regular member meetings

CATHII's 2024-2025 operating year was punctuated by an Annual General Meeting (AGM) and five regular member meetings, all of which took place via videoconferencing.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held on October 30, 2024, with the agenda for circumstance: presentation of the annual report, financial statements, budget forecasts, action plan and election to the Board of Directors. A special part of the meeting was devoted to amending the organization's by-laws.

Regular member meetings

In addition to the sharing of news, information and announcements, we would like to highlight a few of the themes that marked our regular member meetings.

September 2024

This meeting provided an opportunity to ascertain members' expectations for the 2024-2025 operating year. We gave an overview of current events relating to human trafficking and presented the general calendar and proposed actions for the year in terms of advocacy. 12 people present.

November 2024

We checked members' expectations of the proposed activities for CATHII's 20th anniversary, and a training session was offered by a CATHII member who presented her master's research topic: "Perception of individuals involved in human trafficking and smuggling". 14 attendees.

January 2025

A training session on the Archdiocese of Montreal's sponsorship program and the reception of asylum seekers and seasonal agricultural workers was offered to CATHII members. The resource person also spoke about her work and experiences in the field. 12 people in attendance.

March 2025

Training was offered to members on the issue of closed work permits for temporary foreign workers and private employment agencies. 12 attendees.

June 2025

This last regular meeting of members for 2024-2025 was an opportunity to present the 5th year of operation of the CATHII - Universities at the UN program, and to offer a final training session on the many implications for CATHII of its president. 12 attendees.

Presentations of achievements

CATHII advocacy

At CATHII, advocacy means putting forward the rights of survivors of trafficking.

At CATHII, advocacy is a major tool for challenging the authorities on their responsibilities, particularly with regard to the prevention and protection of victims of trafficking, not forgetting the importance of empowering victims.

At CATHII, advocacy is based on facts and analysis, puts forward good practices and makes recommendations aimed at preventing trafficking in the first place and supporting survivors.

At CATHII, advocacy takes place at provincial, national and, through the United Nations, international levels.

At CATHII, members, partners and the general public are regularly invited to engage in advocacy in a variety of ways: signing letters and postcards, making written submissions, meeting with MPs and other influential people.



To ensure that our fields do not become 'fertile ground for modern slavery.'



Illustration Nancy Roberge

Participation in two initiatives with partner organizations

- Participation of Michel Pilon, lawyer and CATHII member, in a legal committee of the Coalition québécoise contre la traite des personnes overseeing a thorough analysis of Canadian and Quebec laws on human trafficking. The aim is to propose amendments to the Criminal Code, notably concerning closed work permits, to facilitate the prosecution of employers exploiting temporary foreign workers.
- In parallel, Michel Pilon is currently pleading a case against the CNESST concerning a temporary migrant worker who died in the course of his work, an expected judgement that could set a precedent.

Stakeholder safety working group

- Creation of the Task Force for Worker Safety. This group focuses on the protection of those who assist migrant workers who are victims of intimidation by employers, agencies or criminal organizations.
- As part of this process, a secure questionnaire was launched to identify the main challenges faced by workers.
- The creation of this working group follows the organization of a CAUCUS in November 2023, where organizations denounced the obstacles to their work posed by organized crime.



Photo credit Isabelle Couillard

Some members: Elisa Amancio, coordinator of the National Roundtable on Sexual Exploitation; Isabelle Couillard; Jacques Bertrand, co-director, Intervention network for persons affected by organized violence (RIVO); Paola Carmagnani, Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking; Jenny Charest, Quebec Coalition Against Human Trafficking.

Development of pan-Canadian and international partnerships

CATHII continues to strengthen its pan-Canadian and international partnerships to intensify the fight against human trafficking and promote protection policies for victims and survivors of human trafficking.

Legal and social support for victims and survivors

In collaboration with the Canadian Council for Refugees (CCR), we are developing initiatives to improve legal and social support for victims and survivors, while advocating for essential structural reforms.

Talitha Kum

We are also updating our priorities in light of the commitments made by Talitha Kum in 2024, in consultation with delegates from over 70 countries. This approach enables us to align our actions with an international strategy.

FIFA World Cup Campaign

We are also planning a campaign drawing attention to the risks of worker exploitation and sexual exploitation in major international events such as the FIFA World Cup to be held in 2026 in Canada, the USA and Mexico.

Postcards campaign Canada – Africa

As part of a broader mobilization drive, we are extending the postcard campaign to religious communities across Canada, to raise awareness and mobilize more committed actors to demand open work permits for temporary foreign workers. We are expanding this campaign against closed permits for agricultural workers, in close collaboration with organizations in West and North Africa, highlighting the injustices experienced by these workers and advocating for reforms that guarantee their fundamental rights.



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Advocacy expertise

In addition, our collaboration with Talitha Kum and other international networks will enable us to strengthen our advocacy strategy and share our expertise to achieve concrete legislative advances on several continents.

Partnerships through international training and events

Finally, CATHII is intensifying its strategic partnerships through international training and events. We are planning a second webinar in collaboration with The Mary Ward Centre (Toronto, Canada) and Talitha Kum South America. We are also consolidating our collaboration with the Alliance to End Human Trafficking (USA).



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Acting directly on the systemic causes

We are also working with partners in Africa on the preparation of a reflection and discussion dossier, as well as a webinar devoted to Talitha Kum's priority #1 on systemic change.

Thanks to these commitments and collaborations, CATHII firmly affirms its leading role in the fight against human trafficking. As a committed mobilizer and strategic partner, we are working to profoundly transform the structures that perpetuate human exploitation, by acting directly on the systemic causes of this problem.

By expanding our partnerships across Canada and internationally, we are uniting our voices and our efforts to build a fairer world, where the fundamental rights of every individual are respected.

With determination and hope, we pursue our mission. Every action, every plea, every initiative taken with conviction brings us closer to a future where dignity and freedom prevail over exploitation and oppression. Together, we move forward, driven by justice and solidarity, convinced that change is not only possible, but inevitable.

CATHII Project – University at the UN

This year marked the 5th anniversary of the CATHII – University at the UN project. The 2025 cohort was made up of fifteen undergraduate and graduate students.

- Universities represented: Université de Montréal, McGill University, École nationale d'administration publique (ENAP) and Concordia University.
- Programs represented: criminology, social work, public administration, political science, international studies and police security.
- 10 students from the 2024-2025 cohort, along with 3 students from previous cohorts, attended panels organized by NGOs at the 69th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW69) in New York.
- Articles published in CATHII info June 2025, pages 2 and 3 (*in French*) : https://www.cathii.org/sites/www.cathii.org/files/CATHII-INFO%20-%20juin%2025_0.pdf



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Testimonial from a participant:

The integrations (assignments) were always very interesting and linked back to what we were learning. They allowed us to gain outside perspectives and delve deeper into certain topics (workers in Quebec, support for survivors, etc.). I particularly appreciated the diversity of platforms (podcasts, films, YouTube videos, songs).

I also really enjoyed the many meetings with various actors and organizations involved in human trafficking (for example, the presentations by Jennie-Laure Sully and Jill Hanley were really educational, I learned a lot).

And one last point: I think what I liked most about the training sessions was being constantly encouraged to share our feelings and discuss things together, ask questions, etc. I find that this is the best way to learn and retain what we learn!

Canada's Young Talitha Kum Ambassadors

Here are some concrete examples of how Talitha Kum Youth Ambassadors are involved in the activities of CATHII and the Talitha Kum network:

International training

Participation in a leadership training program organized by Talitha Kum, combining online sessions and an immersive stay in Lima, Peru.

Advocacy campaigns

- Participation in a postcard campaign addressed to federal authorities calling for the abolition of closed work permits in favor of open permits.

Artistic and spiritual engagement

- Contribution to a memorial mass in honor of Saint Josephine Bakhita on February 8, 2025, through the composition of songs and participation in a multigenerational and multicultural choir.

International dialogue

- Co-hosting of a transcontinental webinar on the living conditions of Latin American migrants in the agricultural sector in Canada.
- The event brought together partners from Quebec, Ontario, and South America, with more than 70 participants.

These commitments illustrate the diversity of ways in which young ambassadors contribute to the mission of social justice and the fight against human trafficking.



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IsaBelle Couillard

Training provided by CATHII

Presentation of master's research at a regular members' meeting on the perceptions of individuals involved in human trafficking and smuggling.

- [Training given by videoconference on November 14, 2024](#)

Noon conference: Class actions on the closed permit in Canada. For the abolition of the closed permit and for an open permit for temporary migrant workers.

- [Training given by videoconference on November 18, 2024](#)

Training on human trafficking (forced labor and advocacy) given as part of a meeting of the JPIC (Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation) of the Canadian Religious Conference (CRC).

- [Training given by videoconference on February 24, 2025](#)

Training given as part of a regular meeting of CATHII members. It dealt with the issue of closed permits for temporary migrant workers and private employment agencies.

- [Training given by videoconference on March 20, 2025](#)

Training given as part of a regular meeting of members of the Quebec Coalition against Human Trafficking: Definition of human trafficking in the Palermo Protocol, its advances and shortcomings, and empowerment of survivors of human trafficking.

- [Training given by videoconference on April 29, 2025](#)

Training given as part of a regular meeting of CATHII members on the many implications of its president for CATHII.

- [Training given on June 5, 2025](#)

Grand total of participants : 111

20 years of action and a future driven by commitment

Since its creation, CATHII has worked with determination to combat human trafficking, placing justice, solidarity and social change at the heart of its action. Two decades of commitment, initiatives and collaborations have shaped its network, enabling it today to pursue its dynamic development and strengthen its impact.

With this in mind, we present the three main Talitha Kum (TK) priorities that structure CATHII's commitment, and how we translate these orientations into concrete actions to build a future where dignity and justice prevail.

TK's first priority concerns systemic change in the face of new forms of vulnerability. At this level, CATHII takes concrete steps, with partners, to bring about sustainable systemic change.

- A postcard campaign has been launched to raise awareness and mobilize political decision-makers.
- A legal analysis is underway to better understand Quebec and Canadian jurisprudence on human trafficking in order to establish a solid action plan.
- An initiative mandate has been submitted to obtain a special commission from the Quebec government to implement a national strategy to combat human trafficking.
- In the run-up to the FIFA World Cup 2026, CATHII brought together some twenty organizations from Canada and the United States to look into the possibility of developing similar projects to raise awareness of the sexual exploitation and forced labour of the many people who work there, especially in the support sector.
- CATHII regularly supports the Canadian Council for Refugees' advocacy for legislative reform.



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TK's second priority is to listen to and support survivors, who are at the heart of our work.

- The CATHII does not offer direct support, but ongoing research into the empowerment of victims is helping to shed light on the practices of our national and international partners, and to provide better support for people who have suffered exploitation.
- A French-language training course is being developed with Africa and Canada, focusing on how to optimize support for survivors and also the importance of advocacy to act directly on the causes and propose legislative and policy changes.
- The CATHII will be strengthening its presence on social networks by posting, among other things, testimonials from survivors) to raise public awareness.
- With Canada's Young TK Ambassadors, a prevention campaign against computer luring that can lead to the sexual exploitation of minors is being developed.
- New methods of intervention are being explored, notably through participatory theater, to create dialogue and raise collective awareness.

TK's third priority is to expand collaboration and partnerships. The impact of our work relies on extensive and supportive collaboration.

- The CATHII Project – University at the UN, now in its sixth year, is helping to raise awareness of trafficking issues among young professionals.
- TK's Young Ambassadors are mobilized for actions initiated by CATHII.
- The creation of pan-Canadian initiatives, in conjunction with the Canadian Council for Refugees and the South-North America Committee, enables more effective action.
- A major webinar on systemic change is scheduled for December 2025.
- We are counting on the development of advocacy training adapted to the national and international contexts.
- In June 2025, a diplomatic opportunity arose during a meeting at the Canadian Embassy in the Vatican for the development of two concrete projects

Over the past twenty years, CATHII has established itself as a key player in the fight against human trafficking, combining commitment, advocacy and solidarity.

Today, this mission is strengthened by new projects and expanded collaboration. CATHII has the wind in its sails.

Acknowledgement

Regular organizational and individual members

CATHII has 17 regular member religious communities, 2 organizational members and 7 individual members, who wholeheartedly thank us for joining them, year after year, in their mission, values and vision, for all the work they do, and for contributing to our dynamism and vitality.

Members in solidarity

CATHII would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to the 22 supporting members who, by contributing to its financial health, generously demonstrate their solidarity with its mission and with the survivors of human trafficking.

Partnerships et collaborations

CATHII would like to extend its warmest thanks to all its partners and collaborators at provincial, federal and international levels. Without them, CATHII would not be able to accomplish all the work it has over the years.

Alliance internationale des Migrants Canada (IMA)

Alliance to End Human Trafficking (AEHT)

Centre Le Pont

Centre des travailleurs immigrants (CIT)

Coalition québécoise contre la traite des personnes (CQCTP)

Concertation des luttes contre l'exploitation sexuelle (CLES)

Canadian Religious Conference (CRC – JPIC Canada (Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation))

Mary Ward Centre

Office des communautés culturelles et rituelles du Diocèse de Montréal

PINAY (Filipino Women's Organization of Quebec)

Réseau d'aide aux travailleuses et travailleurs migrants agricoles du Québec (RATTMAQ)

Réseau d'intervention auprès des personnes ayant subi la violence organisée (RIVO)

Talitha Kum

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the commitment, discernment, support,
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of the members of CATHI,
nourished by the richness of their backgrounds and experiences.
To each and every one of them, we offer our deepest gratitude.**

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